

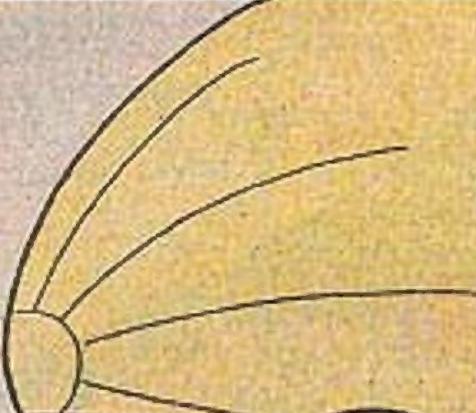
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CHRISTIAN
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The Gospel Blimp

ALL HAVE SINNED
DON'T BE A LITTERBUG





The Gospel Blimp

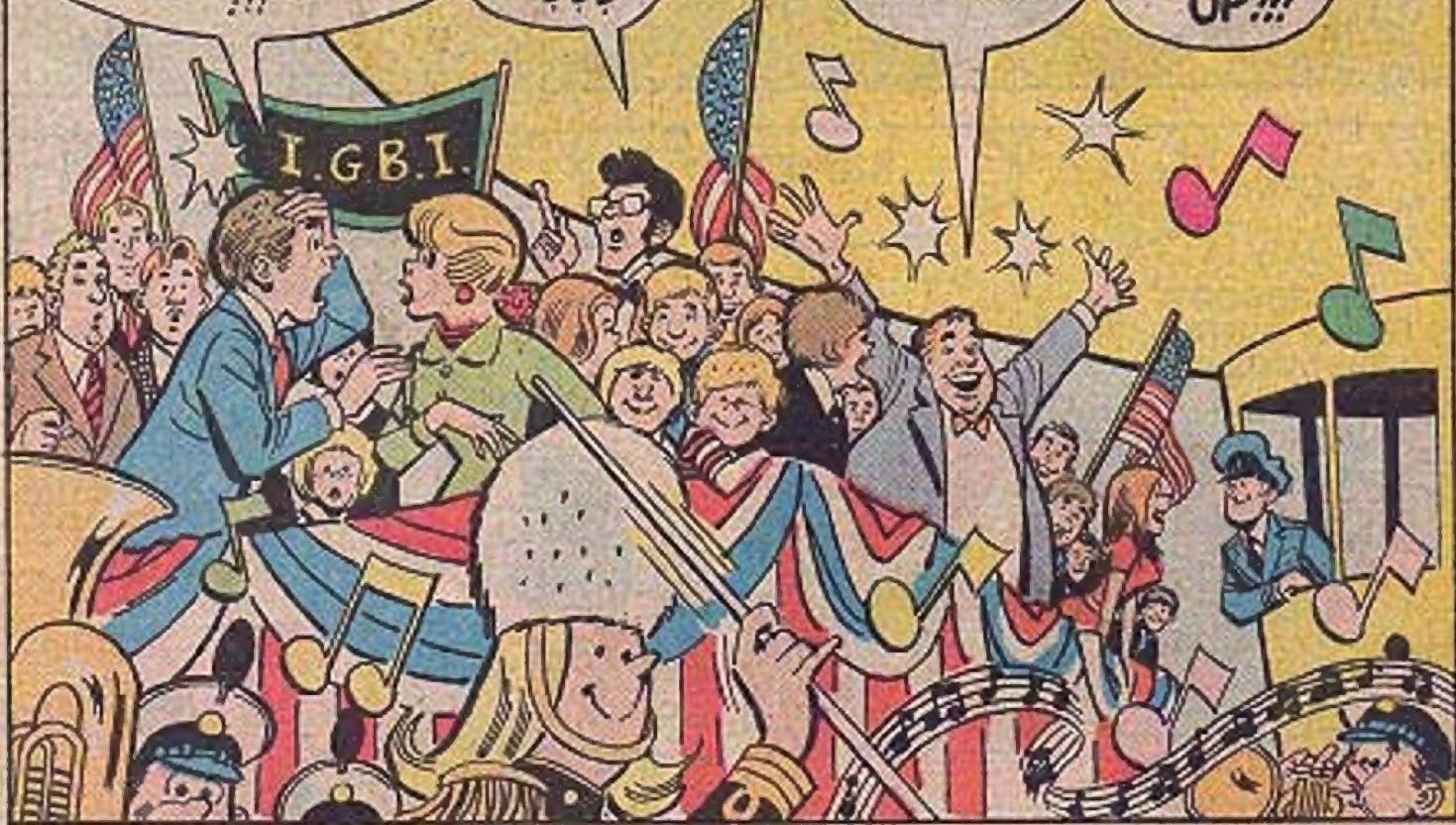
WE CAN'T
CHRISTEN IT WITH
CHAMPAGNE
!!!

WHAT
ABOUT
COKE
???

WAIT!

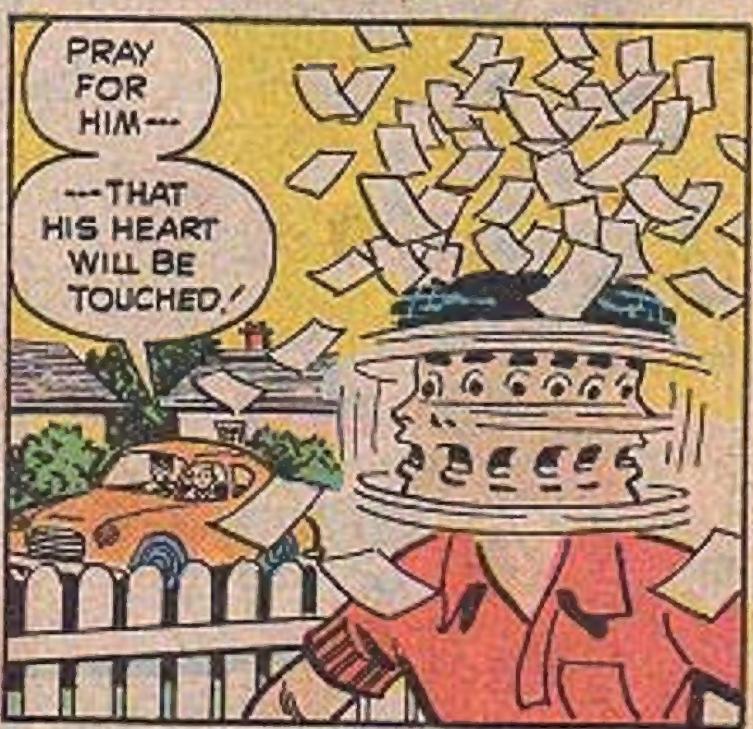
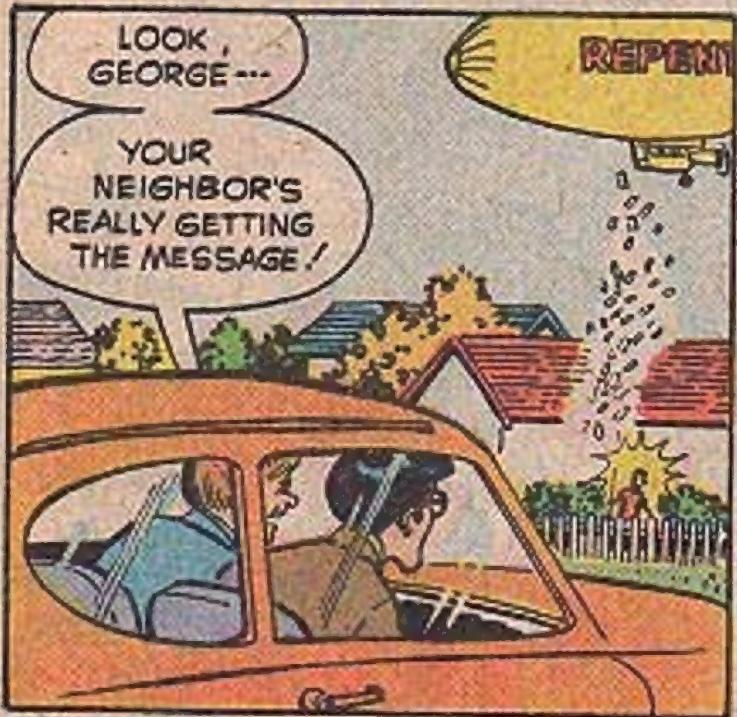
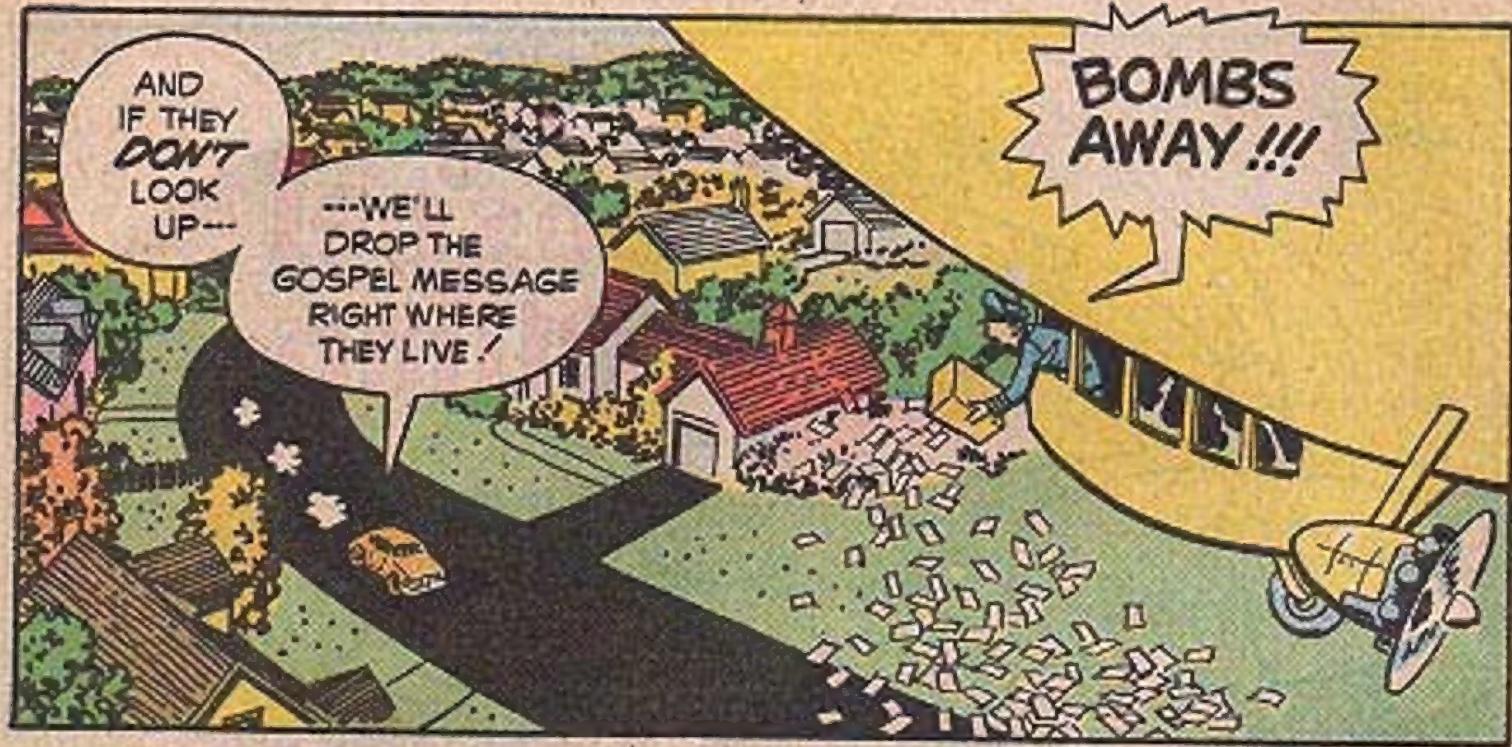
SEVEN
IS THE
PERFECT
NUMBER...

WE'LL
USE
SEVEN-
UP!!!!

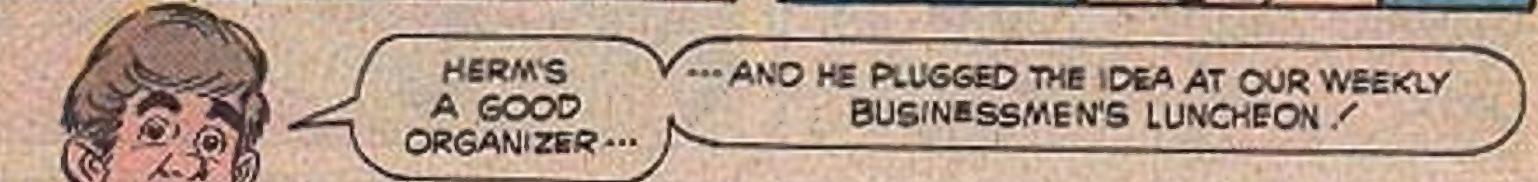


FOLKS
ALL OVER
TOWN WILL BE
LOOKING UP!









AND SO I
SUGGEST WE
APPOINT A
COMMITTEE!

YOU
OUGHT TO BE
CHAIRMAN,
HERM!

THIS IS
GOING
TO TAKE
WORK,
FELLOWS--

LOTS
OF
IT!!!

THAT
WAS THE
UNDER-
STATEMENT
OF THE
YEAR---

MAYBE
THE
CENTURY
!!!

JOE, OUR
LAWN LOOKS
LIKE A
JUNGLE!

I'M
SORRY,
AGNES--

-- BUT YOU
KNOW HOW
BUSY I'VE
BEEN--

--- GETTING
THE BLIMP
OFF THE
GROUND!

THE KIDS
ONLY SEE YOU
AT BREAKFAST
!!!

:SIGH:

I
MISS
THEM,
TOO--

... BUT THIS
IS THE
LORD'S
WORK--

... AND
THERE ARE
SO MANY
DETAILS!

HERM
EVEN QUIT
HIS JOB AT THE
MEAT-PACKING
PLANT!

HE'S
GOING INTO THIS
FULL-TIME!

YOU'RE
KIDDING
!!!

YOU'VE
ALL GONE
BANANAS!



--- AND A
PRAYER MEETING
ON SUNDAY!

WOULDN'T IT BE
GREAT IF GEORGE'S
NEIGHBOR IS SAVED
THROUGH THE BLIMP?

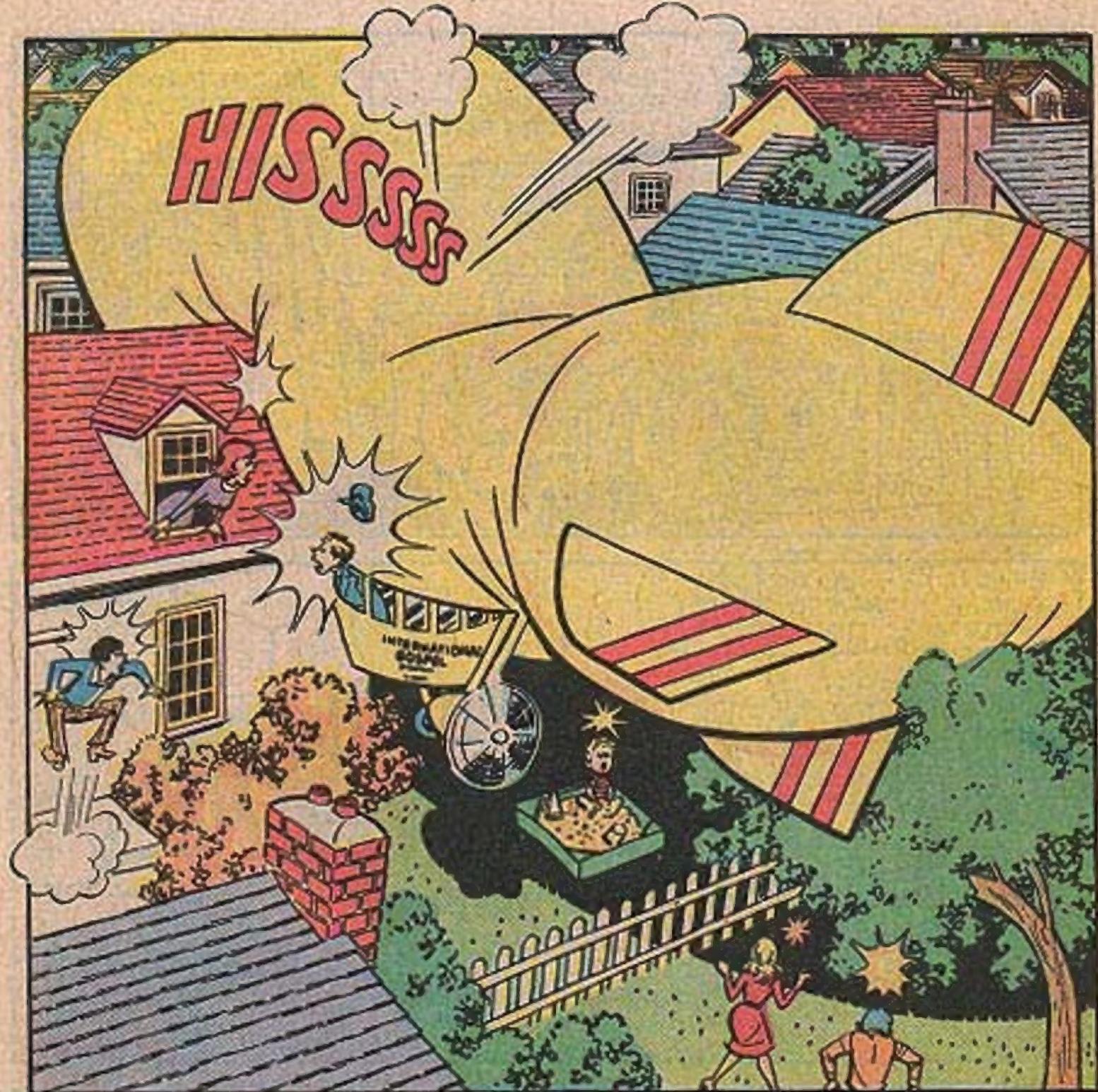
WE'LL MAKE HIM
A SPECIAL TARGET
FOR TOMORROW'S
MISSION!



Fooooosh!



HISSSSS



WE WERE
ABLE TO REPAIR
THE BLIMP!

AND THEN
WE HIRED A
**NEW
PILOT!**

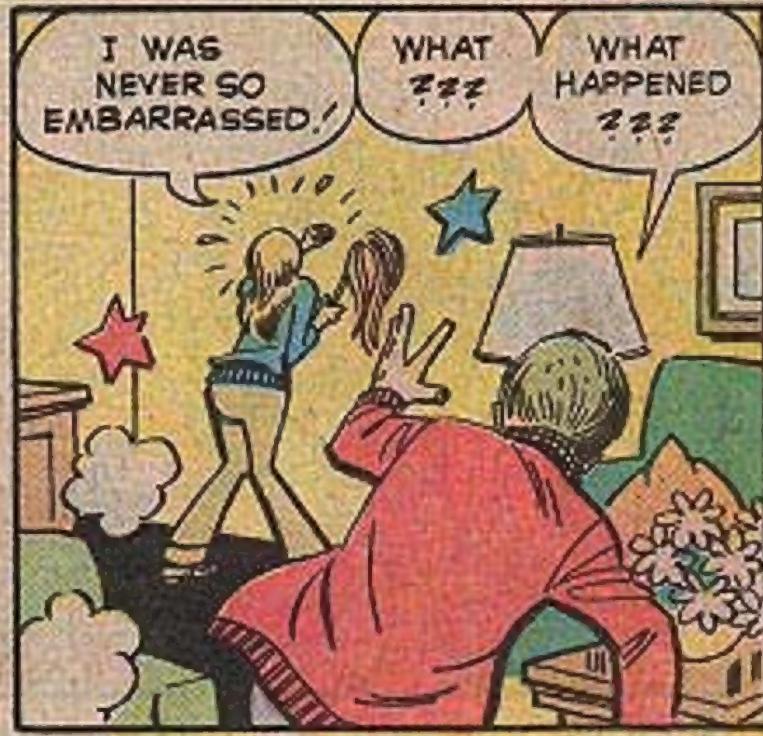
--- A FINE YOUNG MAN
WHO HAD BEEN CONSIDERING
THE MISSION FIELD!!!



OUR
NEW PILOT
ADDED A
MISSIONARY
EMPHASIS
EVERY
SATURDAY!



AND SPEAKING OF SATURDAYS---

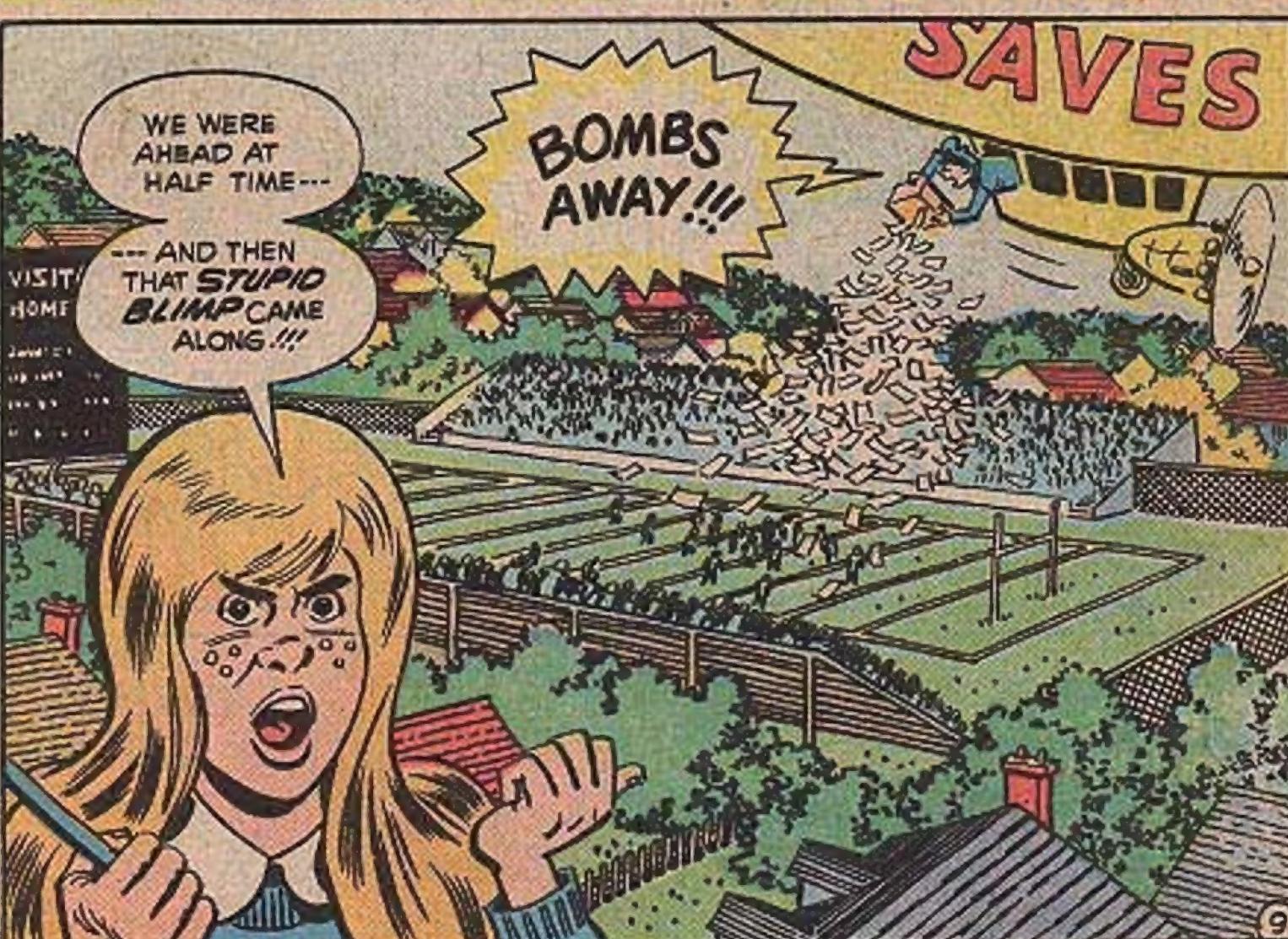


WE WERE
AHEAD AT
HALF TIME---

--- AND THEN
THAT STUPID
BLIMP CAME
ALONG !!!

SAVES

BOMBS
AWAY!!!





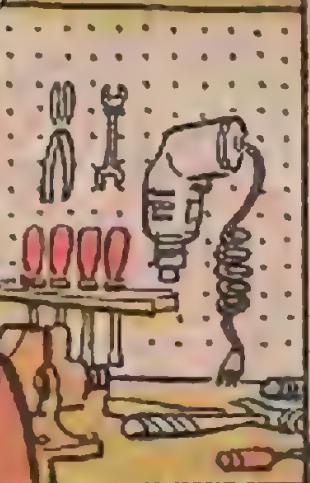
WELL, WE'RE
TRUSTING THE LORD
FOR REVIVAL IN
THIS TOWN!

AND I HOPE
IT STARTS WITH
GEORGE GRISCOM'S
NEIGHBOR!



THAT
REMINDS
ME...

I'VE GOT TO
RETURN THIS
ELECTRIC DRILL
TO GEORGE!



THANKS
FOR THE
DRILL,
GEORGE...

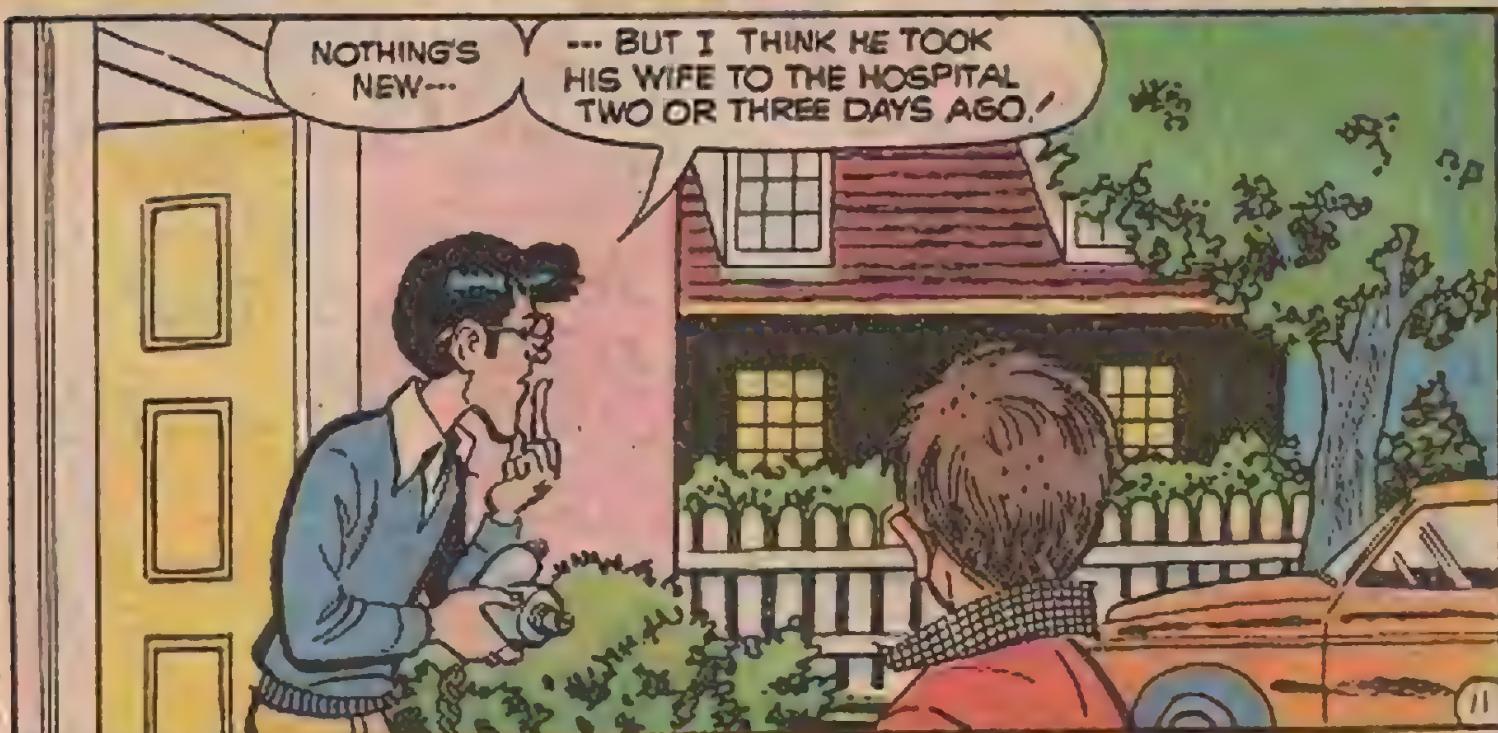
...AND
BY
THE
WAY...

-- HOW'S
YOUR
NEIGHBOR
COMING
ALONG?



NOTHING'S
NEW...

... BUT I THINK HE TOOK
HIS WIFE TO THE HOSPITAL
TWO OR THREE DAYS AGO!



WE SEE HIM
EATING ALONE
AT NIGHT...

-- ALWAYS A
BOTTLE OF BEER--
... SOMETIMES
TWO!



WHAT HOSPITAL
IS SHE IN ?

BEATS
ME !

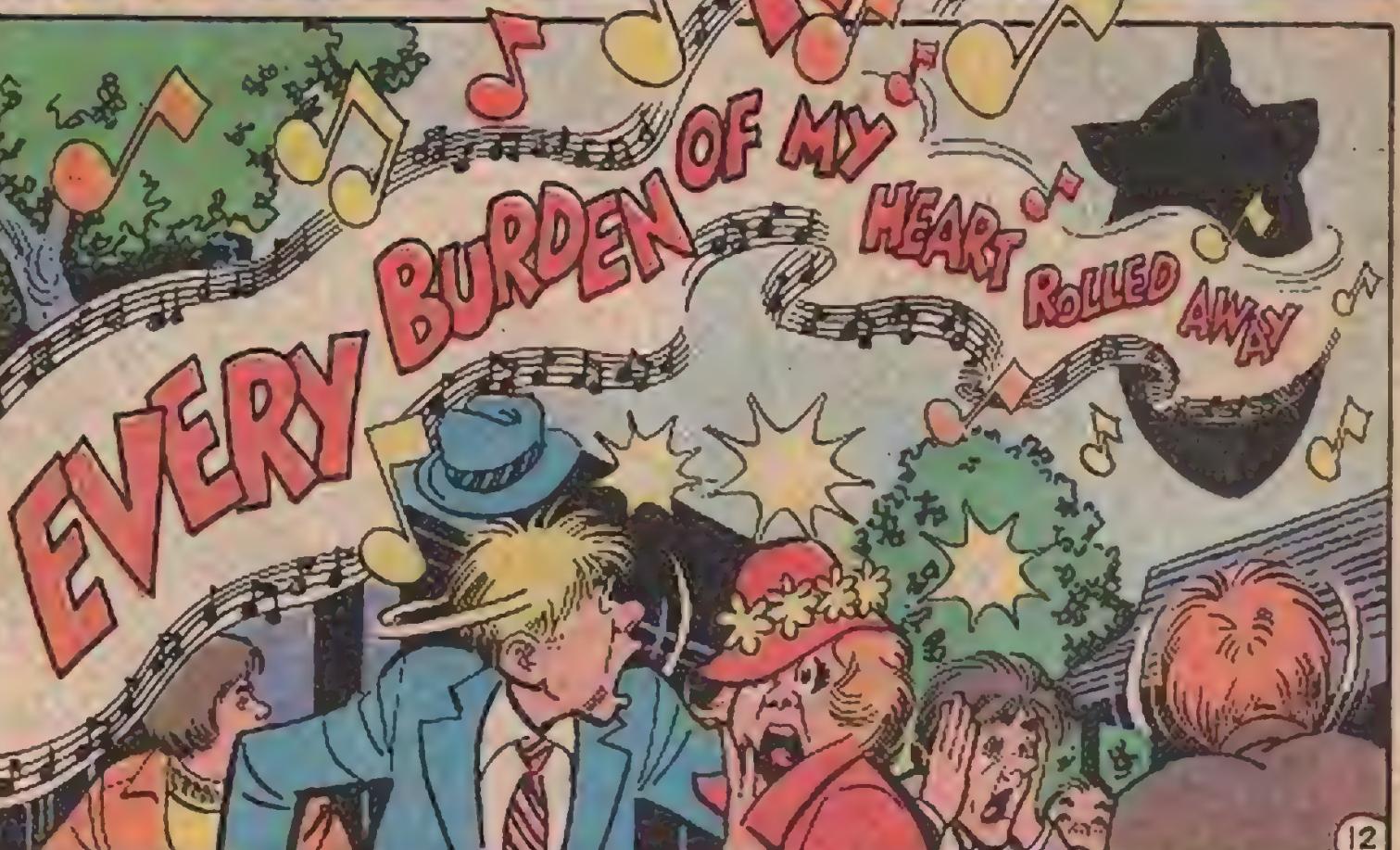


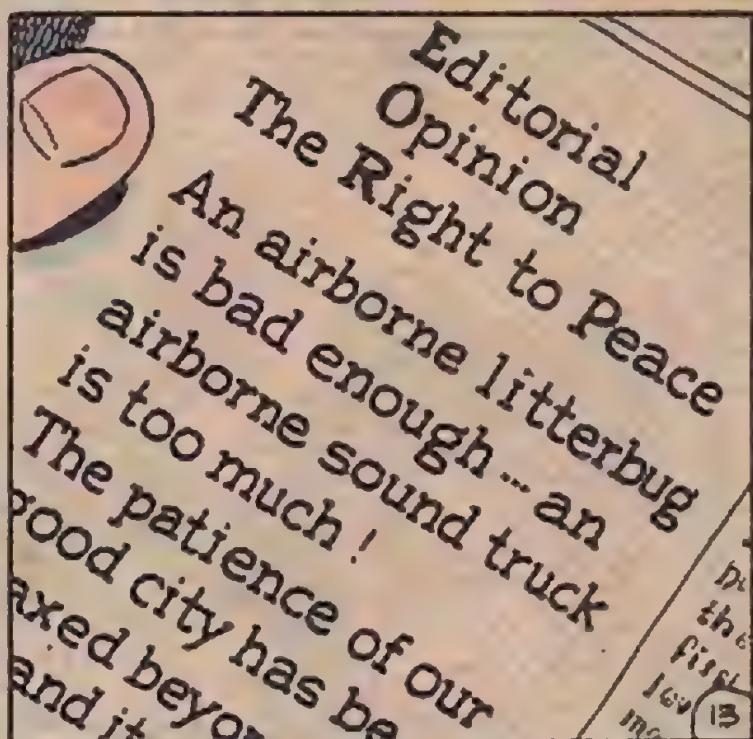
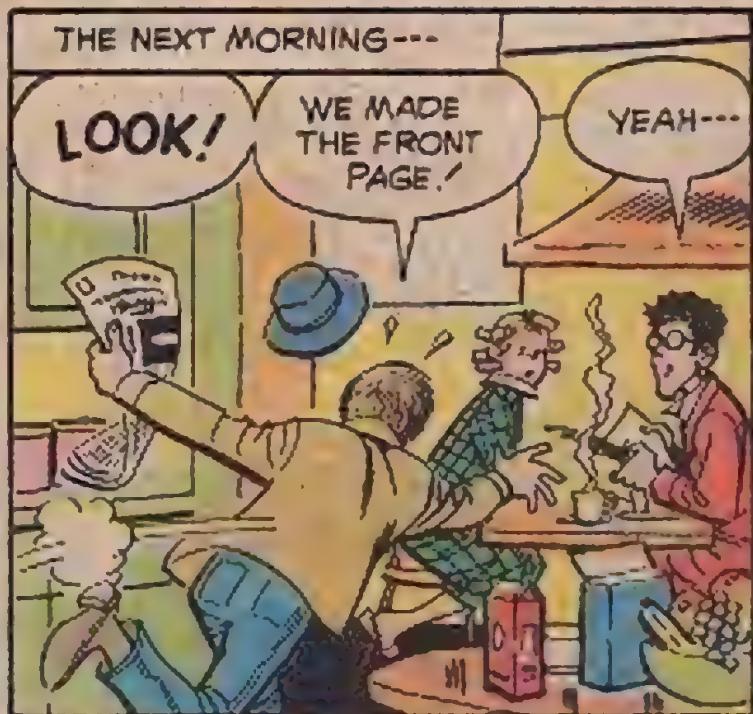
BY THE WAY---
HOW'S THE
SOUND SYSTEM
COMING ?

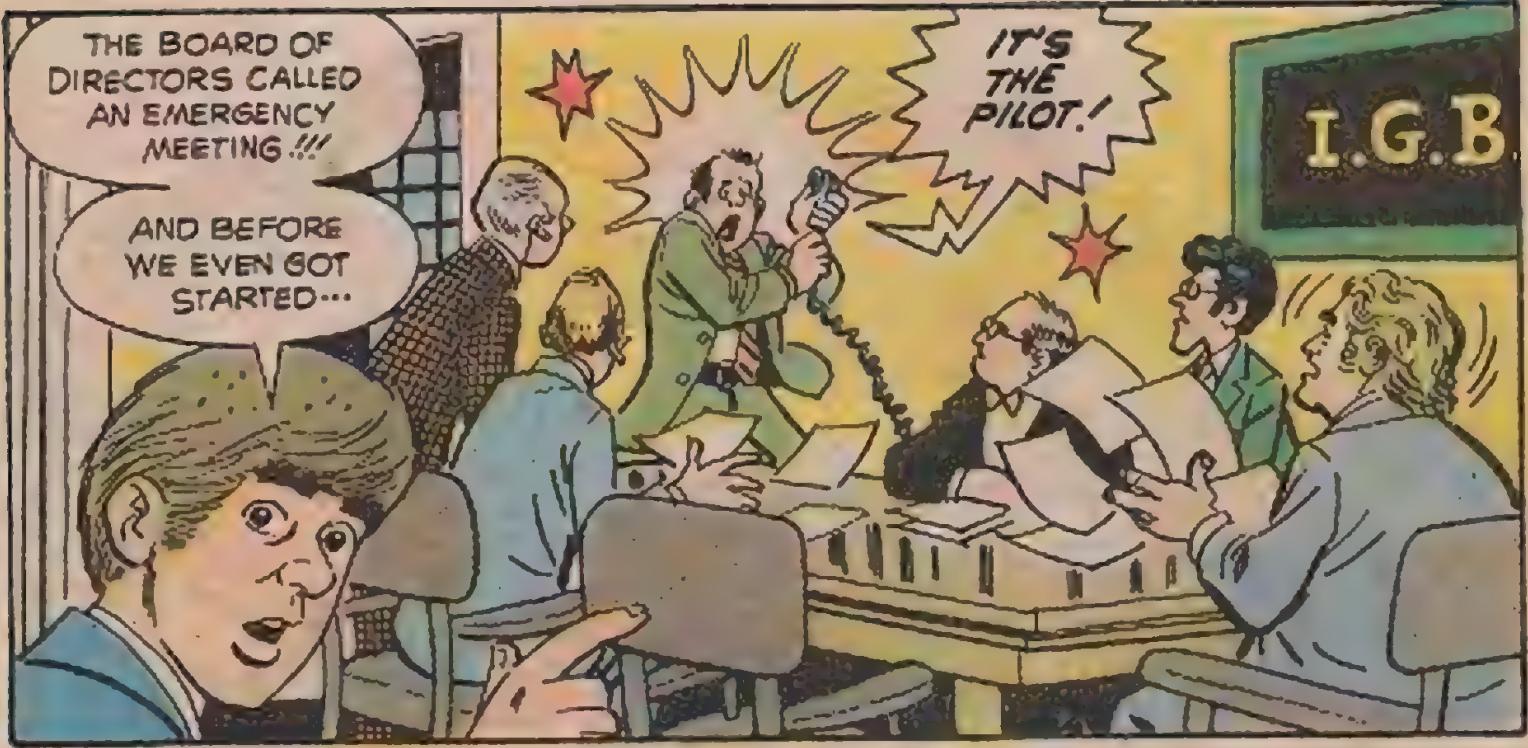
IT'LL BE
READY TOMORROW
NIGHT !



THE NEXT NIGHT---







OUR NEW P.R. MAN WAS A
REAL FIRECRACKER!!!
AND HE GOT RESULTS!!!

SOCIETY

LOCAL HOMM
ATTENDS
BLIMP DI

Christian
World

3 PAGES OF
EXCITING PHOTOS

BLIMP DROPS
"FIRE BOMBS"

TRACTS TO RAIN
"FIRES OF REVIVAL"
ARE BEING DROPPED
ALL OVER THIS
TOWN.
INTERNATIONAL
GOSPEL BLIMPS
SERVED

CIRCUIT RIDER
BLIMP ON 12-HOUR SCHEDULE

LOCAL CHURCH
ADDS BLIMP TO
MISSIONARY BUDGET

The
RELIGION PAGE

GOSPEL
BLIMP
TONIGHT

THIS TOWN
IS GONNA LOVE
THE BLIMP,
BABY!!!

SUNDAY-SCHOOL
TEACHER GIVEN
FREE BLIMP RIDE

FARE
RELEASE

BLIMP
TOWN

REPENT

NEWS

BLIMP DROPS
"FIRE BOMBS"

TRACTS TO RAIN
"FIRES OF REVIVAL"
ARE BEING DROPPED
ALL OVER THIS
TOWN.

INTERNATIONAL
GOSPEL BLIMPS
SERVED

WE BEGAN TO GET A
BRAND-NEW IMAGE--- BUILT
AROUND HERM!!!

FIRST HE
GREW A
BEARD

BEAUTIFUL,
BABY...

BEAUTIFUL!

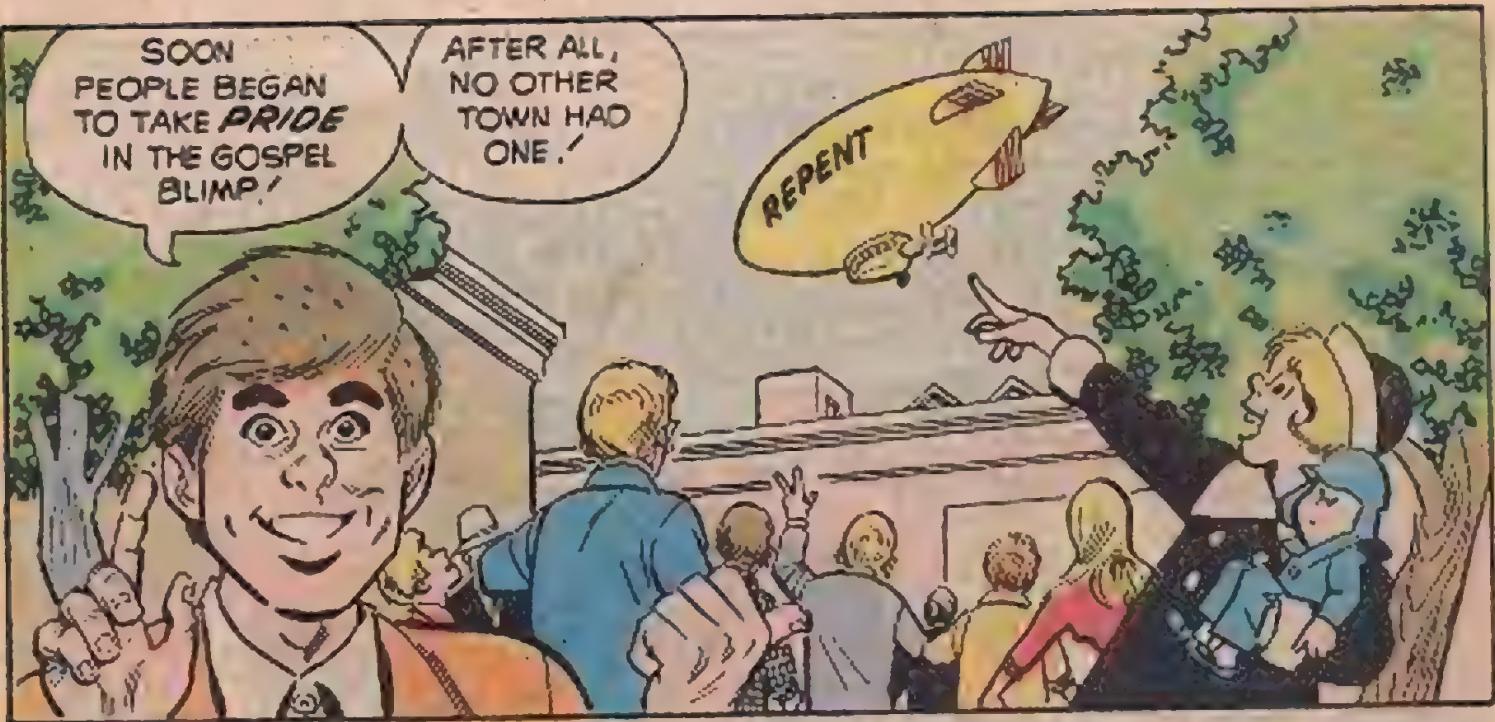
THEN HE
WAS MADE
"COMMANDER"
OF I.G.B.I.

AND GIVEN A
SNAPPY UNIFORM!

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COMMANDER
DROPS 1,000
FIRE BOMBS

Commander of Intern
Gospel Blimp
Pictured
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FOLKS HAD JUST SETTLED DOWN IN
FRONT OF THE TUBE ...



... AND : GASP ! IT HAPPENED !!!



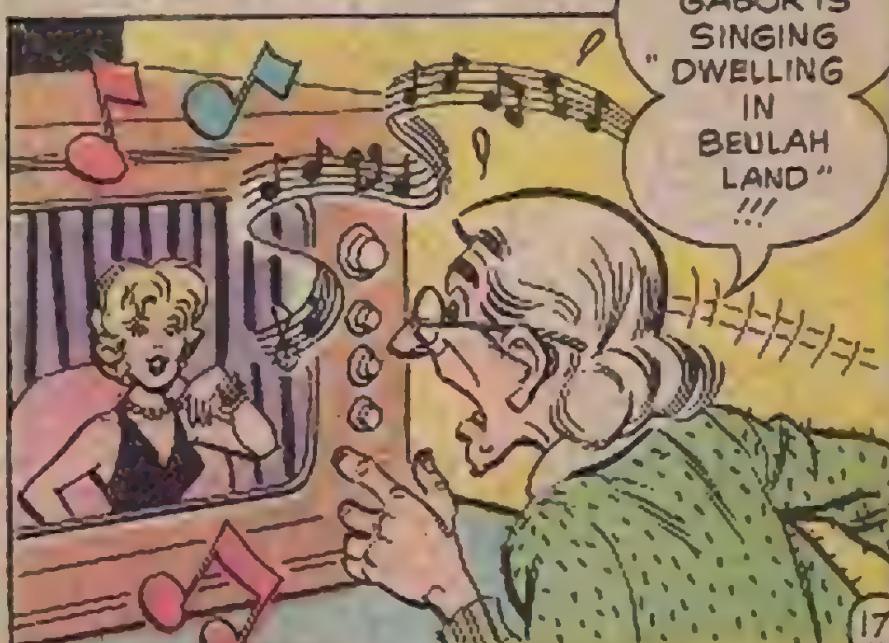
T.V. VIEWERS ALL OVER TOWN
FRANTICALLY SWITCHED CHANNELS ...

... BUT THE SOUND
WAS THE SAME !!!



AFTER THE SERMON IN CHINESE
ENDED, THE BLIMP TRANSMITTED
SOME GOOD OLD FAMILIAR
HYMNS ...

... BUT THE ELECTRONIC
SCRAMBLE CONTINUED !



THIS IS
WORSE THAN
THE CENTRAL
GAME!!!

I CAN'T
GO TO SCHOOL
TOMORROW!!!

HE'S
DUE TO
STAY UP
THERE FOR
TWO MORE
HOURS!!!

THE ENTIRE TOWN
TRIED EVERY POSSIBLE
WAY TO GET THE BLIMP
PILOT'S ATTENTION---

BUT HE DIDN'T CATCH ON
UNTIL HE LANDED !!!

LET'S
HAVE
THE
BUM
!!!

BURN
THE
BLIMP
!!!

THE POLICE DID
A GREAT JOB
THAT NIGHT ---

-- BUT ALL OF US REALIZED THAT THIS WAS
THE BEGINNING OF THE END FOR OUR
BELOVED BLIMP !!!

AND POOR GEORGE SEEMED TO
TAKE IT THE WORST ---

MY
NEIGHBORS...

WHAT WILL
HAPPEN TO
THEM NOW
???

THE
COMMANDER
DIDN'T HELP
THINGS AT
HIS PRESS
CONFERENCE!

UNFORTUNATELY,
HARUMPH ! I WAS
OUT OF TOWN DURING
LAST NIGHT'S ; AHEM ;
FIASCO!!!

I.G.B.I.



BUT NOW THAT I AM BACK,
AHEM ; I PLEDGE THAT ANY
IRRESPONSIBLE ELEMENTS IN
I.G.B.I. WILL BE PURGED!!!

WHAT COULD
HE HAVE
DONE LAST
NIGHT ?

HE WOULD HAVE
BEEN AS HELPLESS
AS THE REST
OF US !



LISTEN,
GEORGIE
BABY...

... THE
COMMANDER
IS OUR
IMAGE...

... HE'S GOT
TO LOOK
GOOD !



EVERYBODY
ELSE IS
EXPENDABLE !

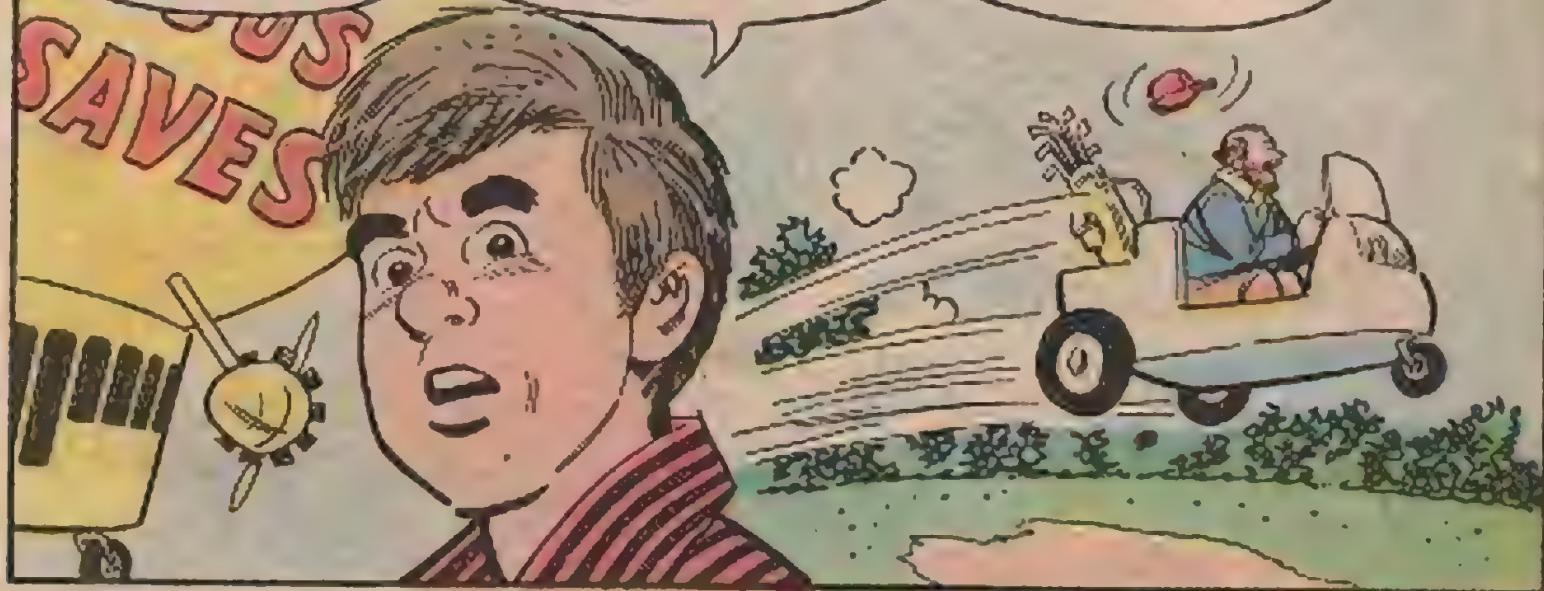
THAT'S
NOT THE
CHRISTIAN
WAY
!!!



GEORGE SORT
OF DROPPED OUT
OF THINGS AFTER
THAT...

... AS A MATTER
OF FACT WE DIDN'T
SEE THE COMMANDER
MUCH EITHER...

... HE WAS BUSY
AT THE COUNTRY
CLUB WITH P.R.
WORK!



EVER THINK
OF REACHING
OUT WITH THAT
THING, HERM?

WELL,
UH--
THAT'S
THE
IDEA!



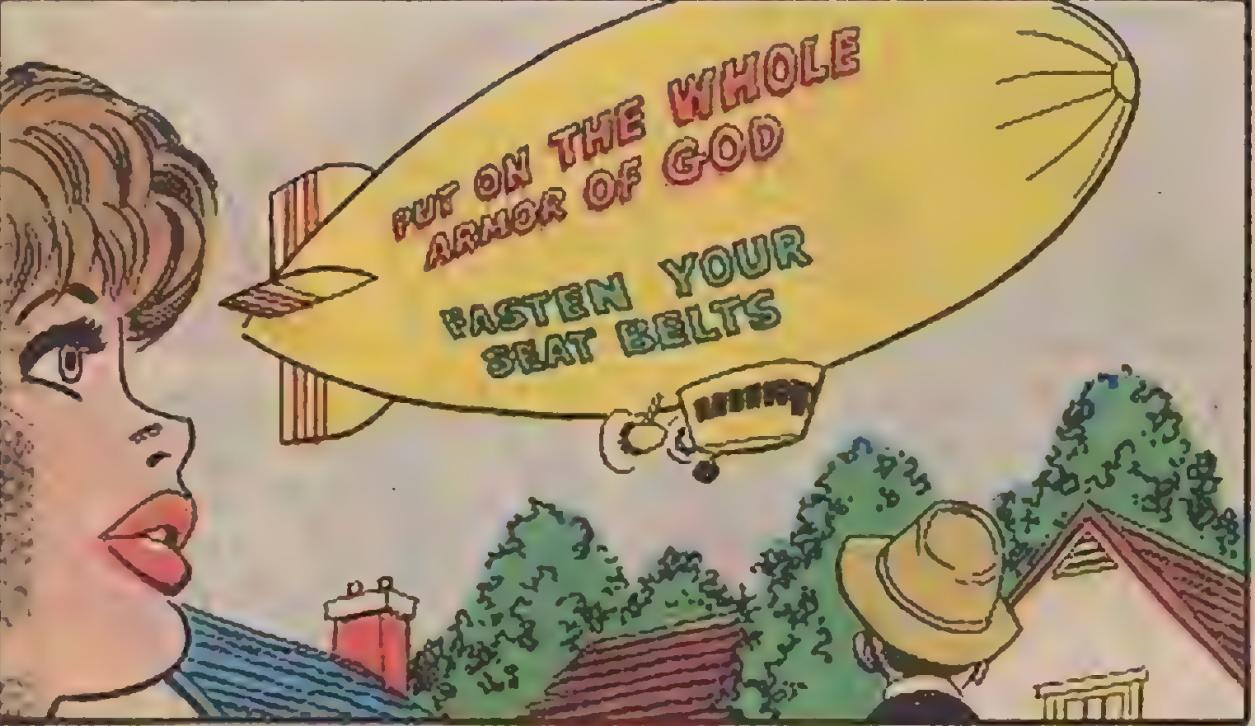
ON
THE WAY
HOME, I
STOPPED
TO VISIT
GEORGE...



A
FEW
WEEKS
LATER,
THE
BLIMP
CARRIED
THE
NEW
EMPHASIS!



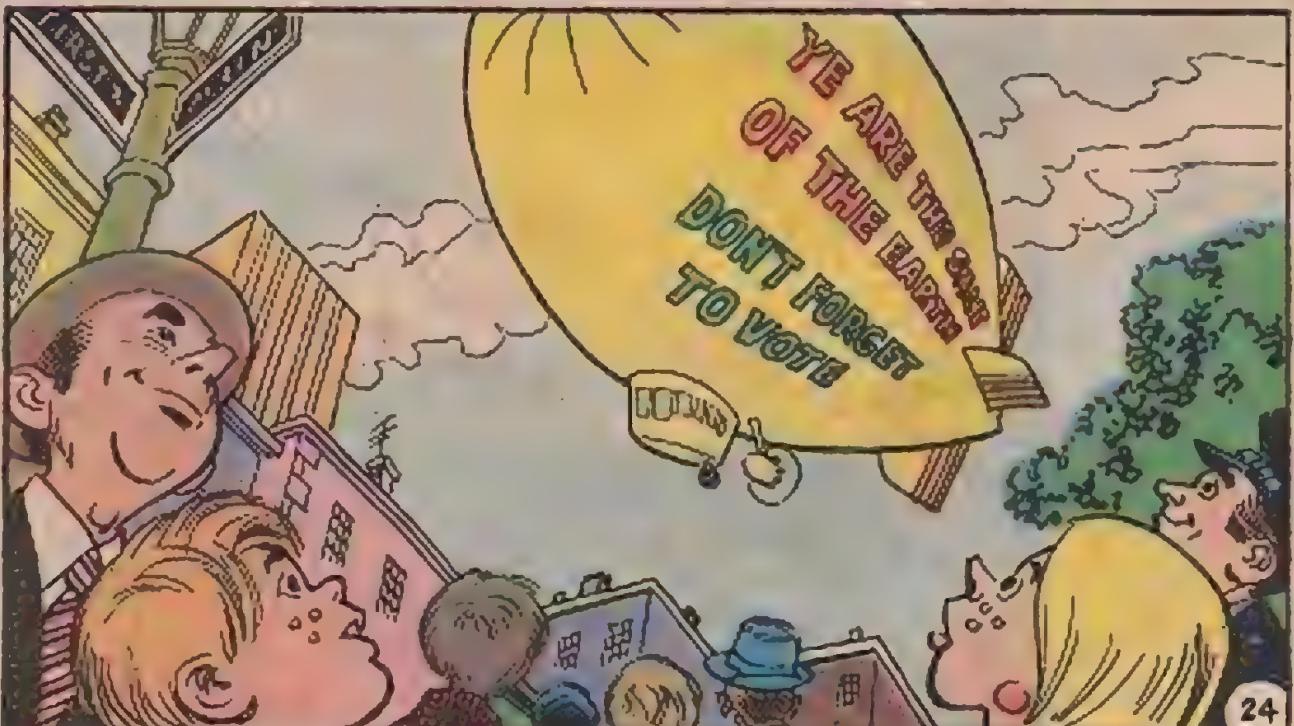
THE
ECOLOGISTS
BEGAN
TO
SUPPORT
US!



CONSUMER GROUPS GOT ON THE BAND-WAGON!



BIG BUSINESS LOVED US!



IN FACT,
THE
WHOLE
TOWN
LOVED
US!!!

THE COMMANDER BROUGHT HIS COUNTRY CLUB CRONIES ON THE BOARD --

I.G.B.I.



NOW WE WERE
REALLY ORGANIZED!

WE HAD
CHARTS...

... MARKET
SURVEYS...

... COMPUTER
ANALYSIS ...



WE
ADDED ONE
LUMP OF
LEAVEN
AFTER
ANOTHER!

AND
THEN
GEORGE
INVITED
US ALL
OVER TO
HIS
HOUSE
FOR A
SURPRISE!!!

THAT'S
GEORGE'S
NEIGHBOR...

THE ONE
WHO SMOKES
AND DRINKS!



THREE YEARS AGO TONIGHT,
THE GOSPEL BLIMP WAS BORN
RIGHT HERE !!!

I'VE INVITED MY NEIGHBORS
BECAUSE THEY WERE REALLY
RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BLIMP.!

I REMEMBER
THAT NIGHT...

...I CAN STILL
SEE THEM OVER
THE FENCE...

...UH...

DRINKING
BEER!

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WELL, GOD
ANSWERED
OUR PRAYERS!

THEY'VE
BECOME
CHRISTIANS
!!!

Y - YOU'RE
SAVED
???

THAT'S
RIGHT
!!!



WAS IT
A VERSE
ON THE
BLIMP ???

OR A
FIRE
BOMB
???

DAY
OR
NIGHT
???

I MEAN WAS
THE VERSE IN
ELECTRIC
LIGHTS ???

NO...

IT WASN'T
THE BLIMP
AT ALL!!!

IN FACT,
THE BLIMP
IRRITATED
ME!

THE P.A.
SYSTEM
WAS
NOISY...

AND THE FIRE BOMBS
CLUTTERED MY LAWN AND
RAIN GUTTERS!!!





AND GEORGE
AND ETHEL HAD
ME OVER FOR
SUPPER EVERY
NIGHT!!!

AFTER
SUPPER
GEORGE
READ THE
BIBLE AND
PRAYED—
AND IT
ALL MADE
SENSE!

MY WIFE AND
I REALIZED
JESUS WAS ALIVE
IN THESE
PEOPLE...

...IT
WASN'T
AN
ACT!!!

IF THEY HAD JUST
TALKED JESUS---
INSTEAD OF
LIVING HIM---

...WE
PROBABLY
WOULDN'T
BE
CHRISTIANS
TONIGHT
!!!

BUT THERE
WAS A **LOVE**
AND A **POWER**
IN THEIR LIVES
THAT WAS
IRRESISTIBLE!

AND WE
WANTED IT IN
OUR LIVES,
TOO!!!

SO WE GOT
DOWN ON OUR
KNEES...

... AND
PRAYED TO
GOD!

AND THROUGH
CHRIST HE'S
FORGIVEN OUR
SINS!!!

WE GAVE GOD
OUR **OLD** LIVES ...

AND HE'S GIVEN US
BRAND-NEW LIVES!

WELL,
IT'S BEEN
QUITE A
NIGHT!

IT'S ALWAYS
GREAT TO SEE
GOD AT WORK!

AND I'VE
GOT TO GET
TO WORK EARLY
TOMORROW!

GEORGE AND I
ARE HELPING THE GUY
ACROSS THE STREET PLANT
SOME TREES!

SAY,
DAN...

WOULD YOU
LIKE TO WORK
ON THE BLIMP
WITH ME IN THE
MORNING?

SORRY,
JOE...



**LET'S NOT JUST SAY WE LOVE PEOPLE, LET'S REALLY
LOVE THEM AND SHOW IT BY OUR ACTIONS**

SEE 1 JOHN 3:18

HERE ARE FOUR PEOPLE WHO AREN'T AFRAID TO STAND UP BEFORE THOUSANDS AND SAY, "I BELIEVE!"



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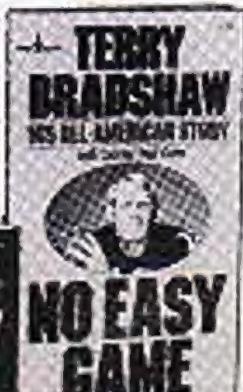


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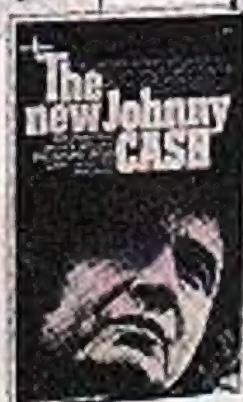


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